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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 257,000 head as of April 1, 2023. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month's inventory and 10 percent below April 1, 2022. The inventory included 247,000 steers and steer calves, 12 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 10,000 head, are up 5,000 head from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 30,000 head of fed cattle during March 2023, 15 percent above the previous month's marketings and 7 percent above the March 2022 marketings. An estimated 28,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2023, 22 percent above last month but 10 percent below March 2022 placements of 31,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2023 is estimated at 1,000 head, no change from last month or last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on April 1, 2023. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2022. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.99 million head, 1 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 310,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 540,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 517,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 175,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million head, 1 percent below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during March, unchanged from 2022.

For a full copy of the April 2023 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).